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INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 8591

FOR NEA/INS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, IN

SUBJ: HARCOS/FLETCHER HUNGER STRIKE

REF: NEW DELHI 8593

1. WE ARE REPEATING FOR YOUR ACTION A TELEGRAM FROM CALCUTTA SUGGESTING THAT HARCOS/FLETCHER LAWYER DONOVAN BE CONTACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ELICITING FROM HER A FURTHER PLEA FOR A DELAY IN THE TWO BOYS' HUNGER STRIKE. THE STRIKE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 1. WE FULLY ENDORSE CALCUTTA'S SUGGESTION, AND HOPE THE DEPARTMENT CAN INSPIRE DONOVAN TO SEND A CABLE TO HARCOS/FLETCHER CARE OF THE CONSULATE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN TO DONOVAN THAT WITH CENSORSHIP FULLY IN FORCE THROUGHOUT INDIA HARCOS AND FLETCHER ARE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO GENERATE PUBLICITY ON THEIR BEHALF. IT IS UNLIKELY IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE PRESS AUTHORITIES HERE WOULD APPROVE A HUNGER STRIKE STORY WHETHER FILED FOR PUBLICATION IN INDIA OR ABROAD ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, DONOVAN COULD RELEASE THE STORY IN THE US.

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OUR PROBLEM IN GETTING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION ON THIS ISSUE IN

DELHI AT THIS TIME IS ALSO INCREASED. WE HAD  
TRIED TO GET HOLD OF HAIDER THE LAST HALF OF THIS WEEK BUT WERE  
NEVER ABLE TO TRACK HIM DOWN, AND WE SUSPECT THAT THIS PROBLEM  
WILL CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST NEXT WEEK.  
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